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LATE AT NIGHT--DORM ROOM

Two college boys in their dorm room. One laying on the floor staring at the ceiling- JAMES. The other sitting in a chair, reading a comic book- RYAN. POP music fills the room. Clothes cover most of the floor, an old pizza box lays underneath RYAN'S feet.

JAMES slowly starts to turn down the music on the speaker until it's silent

JAMES  
Hey, RY...

RYAN continues looking at his comic

RYAN  
What's up?

JAMES  
What do you believe in?

RYAN sparks interest in the conversation. HE slowly lowers the book & glances over at JAMES on the floor. RYAN holds a confused look on his face. Looks back at the book.

RYAN  
I mean, I believe in a lot of things (LAUGHS questionably)

JAMES  
No, like regarding life. The universe. Where we go when we die...

RYAN is taken back. HE sits up in his chair. JAMES continues to stare at the ceiling.

RYAN

Where is this coming from? Those are kinda big questions dude

JAMES

I guess I've always had these questions. I think the unknown can get a little overwhelming so I don't really ask about it. (PAUSE) I don't know man... it's dumb. Just forget I-

RYAN cuts him off--

RYAN

No, man you're good. I think we all have those questions at some point in life

JAMES nods his head, stays in silence.

RYAN

I guess I believe in God.

JAMES

You guess?

RYAN

No... I mean (PAUSES) I do.

JAMES stays silent. RYAN looks around awkwardly

RYAN

Do you?

JAMES chuckles under his breath

JAMES

Even if I did, it wouldn't change anything

RYAN

What do you mean?

JAMES

A guy like me? (SCOFFS) You're a good dude Ryan, but me? Trust me,  
God wouldn't waste his time on me

RYAN

You're wrong

JAMES finally looks over at RYAN. RYAN gets up, leaves his book on  
his chair & sits next to JAMES on the floor

RYAN

You see dude- God created you. I know it's kinda hard to wrap your  
mind around it because you can't physically see the guy. Trust me, I  
had my doubts at first. But it's the truth & he loves you

JAMES

How can this God guy love me if I don't even know him?

RYAN smirks. He leans over & grabs his comic book from the chair. He  
tosses it on JAMES' chest

RYAN

Well I guess it's time to meet him then

JAMES sits up in confusion holding the book

JAMES

(LAUGHS) Okay and how is this dumb comic book supposed to help?

RYAN  
Open it

JAMES looks hesitant- then opens the book. He sees no comics, instead there are small words covering every page, some words highlighted. JAMES looks confused, he continues to flip through the book and sees it detaches from the comic cover. HE pulls it out. It reads "BIBLE" on the front page.

RYAN  
I felt kinda weird to just be carrying it around everywhere. But I guess there was a purpose for it being hidden after all.

JAMES flips through the pages

RYAN  
It's yours now man  
RYAN stands up

JAMES  
You think I'll find the answers to my questions in here?

RYAN smiles

RYAN  
I think you'll find everything you'll need in there

JAMES  
Sick!

RYAN starts to walk out the door

JAMES  
Thanks dude. Oh, and here I don't need this

JAMES tosses the comic cover to RYAN. RYAN catches it & smiles

RYAN  
(under his voice) No, thank you

JAMES lays back down on the floor & opens the Bible. RYAN throws the cover in the trash can by the door and walks out.

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